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HIGHWAY 33 AT ARNAZ GRADE – TO RE-OPEN 12/21

Oakview -- Emergency storm repairs on approximately 600 feet of northbound State Highway 33 at the Arnaz Grade in Oakview, approximately 12 miles south of Ojai, are nearing completion and all lanes are expected to re-open at 6 a.m. December 21, weather permitting.

Damaged from last season's 100-year rainstorm caused considerable damage to the highway and adjacent slopes. The roadway was eroded by the overflow of the river, which has now been repaired and repaved. The slope adjacent to the highway was also rebuilt and a cliff on the west side of the river has been stabilized.

Estimated cost is \$5.5 million. Caltrans thanks motorists and residents for their patience and cooperation during these emergency highway repairs.

Caltrans reminds to please ***SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.***

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